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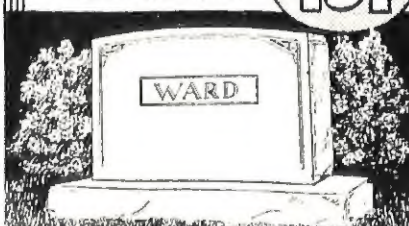
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The Five Points of Fellowship

Steady, my brother, steady, your feet are worn and they bleed,
Many leagues have you traveled on a Master Mason's need,
Give me the message, brother, and I will haste with all speed.
Thus did the Master teach us;
Thus were we, all of us, taught,
Before a Mason's mission,
All others become as naught.

Steady, my brother, steady, now must we kneel and pray;
Pray for the wisdom to guide us as we go on our way;
Pray for the poor lost brothers who as sheep have gone astray.
Thus did the Master teach us;
This were we told to do;
To pray for the poor lost brother,
Which may be me or you.

Steady, my brother, steady, your secret is safe with me.
Yes, I know you were tempted, for that is plain to see,
But opportunity only fixed it on you, not me.
Thus did the Master teach us;
To lock within our breast,
The secrets duly imparted,
And trust to God for the rest.

Steady, my brother, steady, I'm human just as you,
Had I the same temptations I don't know what I'd do,
Few men can be overtempted and keep their conscience true.
Thus did the Master teach us;
(Remembering we are frail);
To never forget the lesson,
We may be next to fail.

Steady, my brother, steady, a word of caution clear,
Whispered to you in secret so no one else can hear.
A brother's word in private with no one by to jeer.
Thus did the Master teach us;
And he that runs may read,
The brother's talk with brother,
Is the Master Mason's need.
—(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

NEW ENGLAND MASONIC CRAFTSMAN

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RETROSPECT No record of the historic events transpiring in Boston during the past month can fail to note the dignity which characterized each incident on the official program.

Throughout, the occasion was significant by reason of the attendance of so many men of prominence in the Craft, both in this country and abroad, and the unanimous and keen interest evidenced in all that transpired.

This is not to say that dignity to the extent of frigidity prevailed. These visitors from other jurisdictions were conscious of the disturbed economic events and of their own important place in the scheme of things, and while paying their respects to economics, in all their words they struck an optimistic note, breathing confidence in the future. By the sound quality of their utterances, which, by the way, were heard by perhaps as great a gathering of Freemasons as any ever recorded in this country, was indicated firm adherence to the fundamental principles of the fraternity, and gave promise of the important part it will play in the future of this country and at least the English-speaking world.

It was particularly delightful to note with what fine fraternal feeling all the anniversary gatherings were characterized. Men from all parts of this country, from our neighbor Canada, from England, Scotland, Australia, South America and elsewhere, besides felicitating the Massachusetts jurisdiction, participated in all the functions with a zeal and self-evident pleasure and enthusiasm that not even the sticky humidity of an exceptional hot spell of weather for these parts could suppress.

The 200th anniversary is now a memory. Freemasonry in this commonwealth will, with confidence, approach the future with head erect and with the inspiration of a glorious past, significantly commemorated, to guide it.

"THE NORTH SHORE" To the casual reader of the daily newspapers whenever reference to the North Shore is made, one thought only comes to mind, SOCIETY—in large capitals.

For many years the charm of the glorious coast line of Massachusetts embraced in the territory including such towns as Beverly, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Danvers, Salem, etc., etc. has had its appeal to the wealthy, and in that environment has been created some of the most magnificent estates in the country.

Here, year after year, foregather the country's great: Presidents, financiers, the polo, tennis, yachting and horse sets enjoy a round of social and sporting activities in a setting unrivalled, and gain thereby through summer months strength and inspiration to carry on through the darker days of the year.

Not alone is the famous north shore, sometimes known as "the Riviera of America," noted for its social and sporting life, however. From Old Salem sailed clipper ships to the Far East with cargoes of New England rum of potent memory and bringing back cargoes of teas and silks, ivory and spices, and a thousand and one items to enrich "the first families" of these parts and lay the first strata of that aristocracy about which present-day writers love to taunt New Englanders, which has formed the basis for many a romantic story, and of which, notwithstanding comment to the contrary, the average citizen hereabouts is inordinately proud.

The famous verse so often quoted about the Cabots and the Lowells could not have been written were not the fortunes of these old New England families made possible by the China trade. Clipper ships were common at the docks of old Salem in the early days. Romance exudes even now from the narrow streets and stately homes of the early part of the last century, still existing in this historic section.

Freemasonry as well had its part in the history of the North Shore. On another page in this issue a brief and somewhat incomplete story is told of the records of several of the Masonic bodies thereabouts.

The spirit animating the early residents still exists. Brethren of Salem, of Danvers and all the other towns contiguous, carry on the traditions and maintain them in pristine purity. These men are loyal to the history of their towns and to the fraternity. They represent the best stock in America today and in any emergency may be depended upon to maintain the best traditions of the Craft.

WHICH? The vexing question of dues, their payment or non-payment, is of so much concern to most lodges today that it is receiving, as it deserves, earnest consideration.

Whether to retain a member who is in arrears or to drop his name from the rolls is largely a matter of his ability to pay. No one, who through adversity is unable to meet his obligations, need feel any stigma attaching to a dimit granted him with his dues remitted. The man who can see no prospect ahead of keeping up with his dues would be well advised to lay the matter before the master of his lodge and be governed by the advice he will receive.

Masters who have the welfare of their lodge at heart, are pretty sure to give sound counsel. It is plain that

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AN UNIVERSAL TRIBUNAL DESIRABLE

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THE body of Masonic opinion in this country has seemed heretofore to run against any move looking to a national or international grand lodge and to the extent that such a body would dominate or control the destinies or government of local jurisdictions the opinion is sound enough.



Most objections, when analyzed, will be found to be based largely upon sectional or national considerations. If the subject is to be viewed impartially, however, it should be looked at in a very broad light, with the whole aspect of internationalism or universal brotherhood in mind.

Today, more than ever, the artificial or nationalistic lines are being broken down; men of vision are coming more and more to realize that with increasing ease of communication and the rapidity with which minds may meet, some medium other than present methods is necessary to solve world problems.

Striking illustration of this is evidenced in the gathering at London at the present time of two thousand representatives of the governments of more than sixty nations in an endeavor to find a way out of present world chaos.

Above all things it is desired that a proper understanding be had of questions which by their nature affect people universally and not simply as they pertain to an individual district or political division. The happiness and welfare of the whole inhabited universe depends upon this.

Masonically speaking there are hundreds of different jurisdictions throughout the world, each having control over hundreds of individual or subordinate bodies. In these latter units, questions arise and are settled by decree of Grand Lodge. These decrees or decisions of Grand Lodge form precedents—which very largely control all similar subsequent situations.

It is inevitable that differences of opinion will arise from such a hit or miss procedure, especially where the different jurisdictions throughout the world are widely separated, and are not, as is often the case, in direct and regular communication with each other.

Likewise there are emergencies national and international when the whole world wide fabric of Freemasonry should speak with one voice—to be effective. Many such past emergencies will come to the mind of the thoughtful reader.

If Freemasonry is universal it should act universally. We are aware of the non-success, or at least partial success, of some of the established machinery already set up by inspired individuals to handle world problems. These efforts deserve encouragement—a fair trial. They have not yet had it. The trail is a long one, largely because of the limitations of men whose vision is restricted, who cannot see beyond the horizon of their own immediate state or country. They should not, because of this, be abandoned, however.

Internationalism in its best sense is growing. Make no mistake about that. No country is so sufficiently self-contained as to live to itself alone. Its interests and welfare are irrevocably wrapped up in that of others. The intricacies of modern civilization comprehend a world-wide plan.

If Freemasonry is to attain ultimate and complete success in very truth universal effort must be made to bring all its membership wheresoever dispersed into one complete and unified understanding of the basic principles governing it. So that wasteful and misdirected effort be avoided it is desirable that there should be set up a court or tribunal or authority of last resort, to which questions of universal application may be referred. A group of eminent Craftsmen should meet together periodically, a group upon whose final judgment the Craft can, with confidence, rely.

This desideratum will be realized ultimately if not in the immediate future and the Craft will, in this writer's opinion, be the better for it.

NO NEED FOR MASONIC SUPREME COURT

By WM. C. RAPP

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THE establishment of centralized and supreme authority has ever been fraught with danger, which in its results may easily exceed its beneficial effects, although it may frankly be conceded that centralized authority possesses some advantages.



History bears out the assertion that if a supreme organization is created in any line of activity, although its powers and authority may be limited by definite restrictions and inhibitions, in the course of time it will assume, usurp or have thrust upon it additional puissance and jurisdiction. Deprive it of legislative power and it will find means to

legislate through its judicial functions.

Our Federal Government furnishes an apt example

in its encroachment upon the prerogatives of the component states, followed closely by the extension of state authority over its various political subdivisions. In the fraternal field the national bodies furnish a counterpart, and Grand Lodges have legislated concerning the local affairs of lodges until but a vestige of initiative and discretion remains for the constituent bodies.

Centralization of power may be an evil or a blessing, but its tendency toward the acquisition of greater authority must be taken into consideration.

What benefit would the Freemasonry of the United States achieve by allegiance to an international body, however much or little authority may be delegated to such an organization? Surely no legislative powers over the domestic affairs of Grand Lodges could or should be entrusted to such an organization. Neither would Grand Lodges submit to the arbitration of such a court any disagreement which might arise between independent Grand Lodges. If it were permitted to formulate and officially specify the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and to prescribe a definite list of landmarks, it would mean a relinquishment of the sovereignty of Grand Lodges which they would not readily sacrifice. It might result in uniformity of principles, the need and desirability of which is questionable.

Such an institution would merely be a glorified International Grand Lodge, with a modicum of authority or worth, whose chief function would be to pass out additional honors, insignias and titles to a Craft already overburdened with such garnishment—a Masonic League of Nations in which each Grand Lodge would endeavor to compel its sister jurisdictions to see things through its own spectacles.

As for the possibility of the establishment of such a body, it may be admitted that nothing is absolutely impossible, but it is decidedly improbable.

MASONIC "SUPREME COURT" IMPRACTICABLE

By J. A. FETTERLY

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IT is difficult to intelligently discuss the subject for this month without definite knowledge of the meaning here attributed to the term, "supreme court."

If a supreme or international Grand Lodge is referred to, certain arguments would be indicated, while if a purely juridical body with international authority is meant, those arguments would not be so responsive or logical. Then, too, one or the other might be *desirable* without being *possible*.

There are, therefore, four phases of the question that require consideration.

We can imagine many reasons which seem conclusive to us, why a national or supreme Grand Lodge (or even a Masonic supreme court) is desirable for each country, particularly so for the United States with its forty-nine jurisdictions. We



cannot see even one practical reason for such an international body.

In the first place several countries could not participate in any such body, for the Masonry of those countries is not "regular" in the opinion of the majority, hence the governing bodies of such countries would be entirely ineligible to thus co-operate.

France could not participate for French Masonry and the Grand Orient there several years ago barred the Holy Bible from its altars. France, therefore, has no Masonic intercourse with England or any Grand Lodge in the United States.

Germany could not participate—even before the Hitler pronunciamento for the three leading Grand Lodges there for many years have been purely *Christian* in character—barring all Jews and others not holding to the Christian faith.

Hence Germany has no Masonic intercourse with other Grand Lodges.

None of the Scandinavian Grand Lodges—Norway, Sweden or Denmark—could join such a world body for the same reason—they are all three purely Christian in character and are therefore barred from fellowship with other Grand bodies. Italy has no Grand body now and would therefore also be without representation.

There is another class that probably could not be represented in such a body. In several countries such as Mexico and some of the South American states, there is disputed Masonic authority—two or more Grand Lodges, each claiming jurisdiction and authority. What would be done with them?

Sufficient has been said, we believe, to illustrate the impracticability of any international authoritative body. It could not be generally representative and would, of necessity be limited.

Now as to the need or potential value of such a body, even though practical:

We confess to some skepticism and much doubt of the value of an international organization such as is under discussion. What could it do that cannot be done better under present conditions? What would it want to accomplish? What would or could it do today for the good of Masonry in Italy or Germany? No pronouncement or edict of any such body would receive attention by either Mussolini or Hitler. Any such effort would indubitably tend to make matters worse for the Masons of those unfortunate countries and would therefore be doing them a disservice and would but add to their troubles.

Would the body under consideration attempt to "regularize" the Masonic practices or customs of France, Belgium and other countries now classed as "irregular"? Would such efforts have any effect but to inflame a raw sore? Would efforts be made in behalf of universal peace and disarmament? Would such efforts—which at the best could only be wordy pronouncements—aid the statesmen of the world in their efforts along those lines?

To our mind these questions carry their own answers and sufficiently demonstrate the lack of practical worth of any international body of the character suggested.

The practicality, and actual need, of a national body

of this character for the United States is, to us, as demonstrable as is the impracticability of the one herein discussed.

Whether such a body—a National Grand Lodge—is possible of establishment is "something else again."

IS OUTSIDE A PRACTICAL RANGE

By Jos. E. MORCOMBE

Editor Masonic World, San Francisco

IS an International Masonic Supreme Court Desirable? This, our question for discussion, is intriguing, even though largely indefinite. One could imagine a perfect Masonry, spread over the world, basically united, alike in principles, ideals and aims, and with methods essentially similar. Such an institution might find it convenient and of value if a tribunal existed, internationally staffed, to which could be referred all controversial or doubtful matters, with assurance of decisions acceptable to the universal Craft.

But, alas, the Masonic fraternity, considered internationally, is pretty much like the League of Nations—a patchwork affair and but tenuously connected. Experience has taught the really informed Mason that there is no cohesion nor certain agreement on essentials beyond the national borders. We talk loudly of "universal Masonry," but the term, except as it serves to round a ritualistic phrase, is largely without meaning. Let us say, for simplification of our theme, that the world's Masonry is divided into two distinct entities. The most important of these, considered numerically and by the prestige it enjoys, is that to which we belong, and is headed by the Grand Lodge of England. The other, with perhaps greater intellectual achievements and more important practical programs to its credit, is led by the Grand Orient of France. Agreement by these two, of widely different aims, on the make-up or scope of a tribunal having jurisdiction over their Masonries would be unthinkable.

Nor can we believe, to come within a more limited scope, that a super-governing body—for such would be the nature of a competent court of ultimate appeal—embracing the English-speaking Grand Lodges within its jurisdiction, could or would unite in establishment of such an authority. Each of the countries has worked out its own ideas and embodied these in methods adopted. These are the results of experience, and are colored by tradition and the historical background. Such matters could easily clash if so brought together, or if for any reason they were submitted to a body having authority to judge and render decision. As it is, such differences remain the sole concern of the jurisdiction affected. There is no thought of interference by others, nor threat therein to an existing harmony.

Even in our own country, with a Masonry pretty much of one piece in its many jurisdictions, there would



be instant protest against any such proposal. The American Grand Lodges are very sensitive on the matter of their sovereignty, and will not listen to any proposal that might limit their prerogatives. And again the fact would be made evident that the present relationships between the governing bodies, seldom disturbed except by passing controversies over trivial matters, are preferable to the condition which would follow erection of a court before which any could be forced to appear against its will.

We can see no possible advantage in a national, much less an international, court for the fraternity. The question is, and must remain, beyond any practical range of thought. There is now, so far as American Masonry is concerned, too much law, and too many law-makers. If a court could be devised, having far-reaching powers, and competent to declare unconstitutional a lot of freak statutes and nonsensical edicts, one might allow a real value to such institution. But what would then become of our very dear brothers who reach high place at times, and whose sole recreation is to further tangle and confuse the minds of Masters and brethren with their pronouncements?

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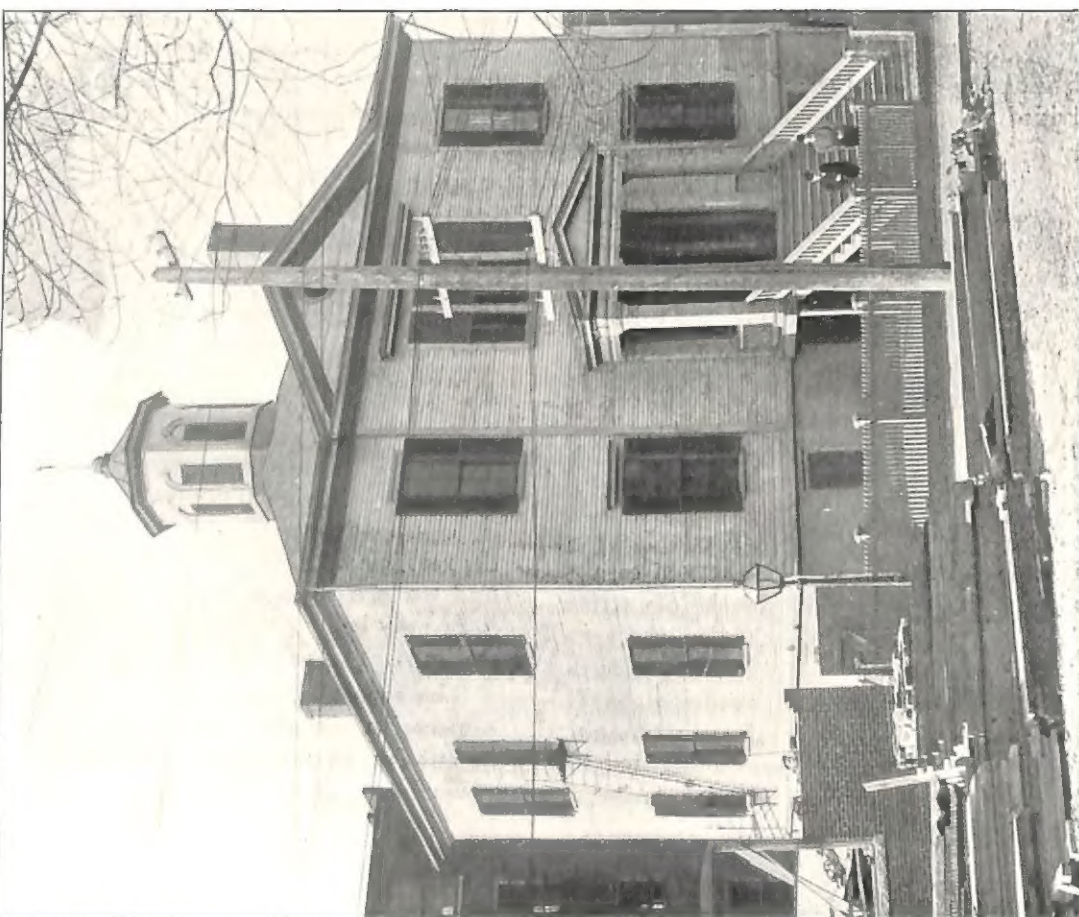
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an accumulation of arrearages can only lead to later confusion as well as possible embarrassment and misunderstanding. Out-of-work members, with no income in sight, are but adding to their difficulties by allowing financial obligations to pile up. It is unsound economics.

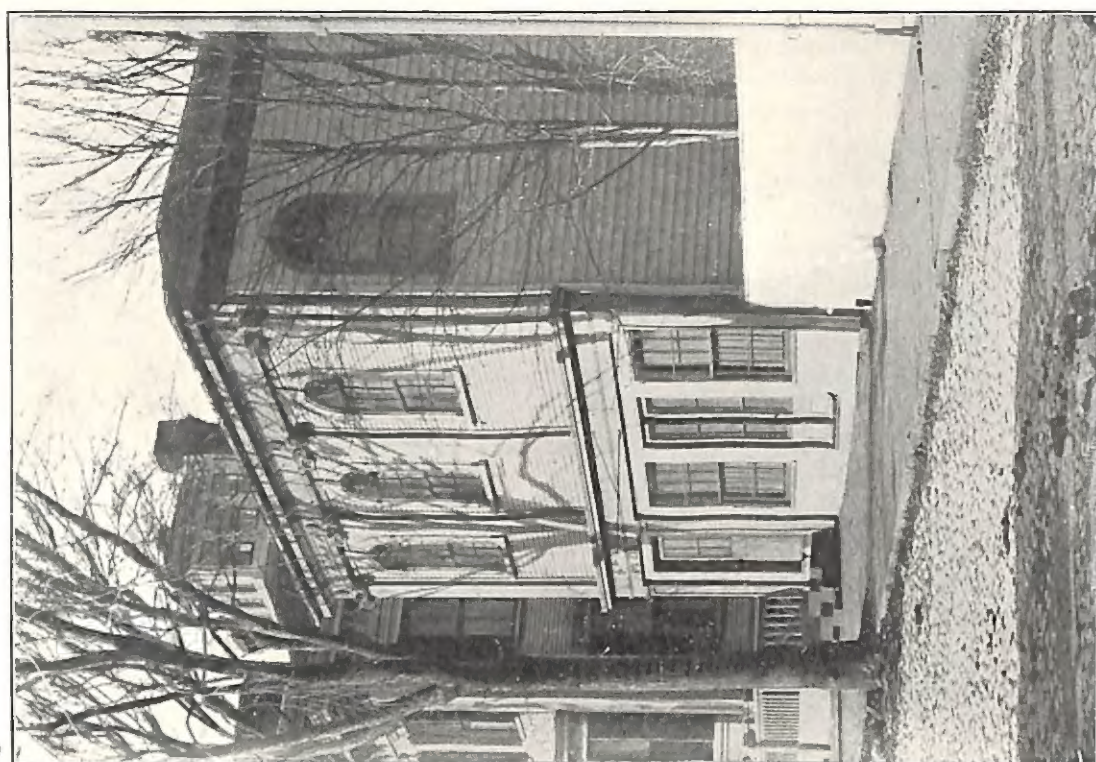
There are Masons whose affiliations embrace more than the so-called Blue Lodge degrees. These men may well ask themselves, What shall I drop? By dismissing from other bodies and retaining blue lodge membership, they are as much Freemasons as ever they were. No feeling of false pride need arise to settle this question sensibly. While it may be suggested that the "upper" bodies must have members to enable them to live, too much emphasis may easily be placed on the relative importance of these bodies in the plan of Masonry. Elaborate ritual and a higher proportion of overhead expense in the operation of spectacular degrees may be cut and yet enable them to function, and while a certain amount of the beauty of the allegory may be lost these are difficult times and emergency methods are necessary to meet them.

The sensible man who finds his financial obligations oppressive will first of all ascertain what items may be cut from his Masonic budget, drop those which are superfluous, if he must, and then if he finds that even his lodge dues are too much, these too should be sacrificed, although the latter step should only be taken after very serious consideration. A man's lodge is his first Masonic home, it has first claim upon him and it is the great mother to which all Masons instinctively turn in matters of Masonic moment.

TWO HISTORIC MASONIC EDIFICES



The first building erected in the United States for Masonic purposes — Richmond, Virginia, 1783. By error in the June number this caption was wrongly credited to the adjoining cut.



Building erected by Union Lodge on Main Street, Nantucket, Massachusetts, in 1832.

Two Hundredth Anniversary of Freemasonry In Massachusetts

The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, Sunday afternoon, June 25, opened the celebration of the bi-centenary of Freemasonry in the new world with a service in Christ Church, Salem Street, the historic Old North Church, Boston. The rector, the Rev. Francis E. Webster, who opened the service, called attention to the fact that the church dates from 1723, about 10 years prior to the formal founding of Masonry in America.

The rector alluded to the priceless collection of historic mementoes and invited all who wished to remain after the service and be shown about the edifice. A large group of English, Scottish and Canadian visitors, here to attend the four-day program, took advantage of this opportunity and evinced great interest in reminders of stirring events in which early patriots who were Freemasons bore yeoman parts.

The Rev. Paul Stirling, retired, assisted the rector in the formal service.

The sermon, which was a reminder to Masons of the religious character of their order, was preached by the Very Rev. Percy T. Edrop, dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield and well-remembered in Boston for his connection with the clergy of Emmanuel Church.

The preacher took as his text verse 9 of the 48th Psalm: "We have thought of the loving kindness of the Lord." declaring, "We begin our bi-centennial by giving thanks to Him." He said:

"We are gathered here today because Masonry teaches that we ought to begin every undertaking with the seeking of the benediction of prayer. Two hundred years of Masonic history are to be presented today as an offering to Lord God Almighty, as a basis for His judgment.

"We are a religious organization, and in all our history have tried to interpret religion in terms of Good Samaritanism. Our works were begun and have been continued in the thought of God's kindness, His power and His majesty. The building we are erecting is a temple not made with hands, and it cannot be objectified.

"Today we begin the celebration of 200 years of Masonic history in Massachusetts and America. Not a man in all those years has been made a Mason without recognition of the blessings of prayer. It is a comfort to think that every one who has entered Masonry in those years has entered in a spirit of prayer and has received the benefits of prayer.

"We live in a troubled and bitterly confused day, but in spite of our troubles Masonry says there is a plan. I wonder what would happen to us all if we were to take our ritual at its word and were to appeal to God in prayer before our every undertaking. I am certain that a glimpse would be given of the design on the trestle-board."

Most Worshipful Curtis Chipman, Grand Master of

Masons in Massachusetts, accompanied by a number of the Grand Lodge officers, escorted the high Masonic dignitaries from abroad from the hotel headquarters to the historic church in the North End. They were escorted into the church by Robert J. McKechnie, grand marshal of Massachusetts; Robert N. Spofford of Medford, senior grand deacon of the grand lodge, and T. Walter Sharpe of Waban, junior grand steward, with their emblems of office, the only touch of ritual about the service.

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IN THE EVENING, JUNE 25

THE PLAY—"AN 18TH CENTURY LODGE"

The days of horn-shuttered lanthorns dimly lighting narrow ways, the days of burkers and Mohawks and Old Bailey, "German George," and bowl of bishop for a warming spiced drink—or, "videlicet," as one of the actors had it, London in 1723, was brought to Boston on the evening of Sunday, June 25, in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, before a distinguished company as part of the program.

There, before representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, representatives of the Grand Lodges, A. F. and A. M., in Brazil, Queensland, Canada, and many parts of the United States, more than forty in all, an English lodge of 200 years ago, was presented by members of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lexington in costumes of the day and following the ancient ritual. The program was under the direction of the Lodge of St. Andrew, the first in this country to receive a Scottish charter.

Worshipful Master Orrin G. Wood opened the meeting and a committee consisting of Albert Thorndike of St. Andrew's and masters of the First Masonic District escorted in Grand Master Curtis Chipman of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, other officers of the Grand Lodge, and the distinguished foreign visitors—Lord Belhaven and Stenton, C. I. E., D. L., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; F. W. Fell Clark, Substitute Grand Master, and Thomas G. Winning, Grand Secretary; General Sir Francis J. Davies, Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and General E. C. W. D. Walthall, Past Grand Deacon; R. W. W. B. Darker of Queensland, P. G. M. Leon N. Bencabat of Brazil, and others.

A prologue by Pierre A. Northrup set the stage for the three scenes which were to follow: the brothers assembling in the "Thatched House Tavern"; the lodge at Work, and the lodge at refreshment. In this "18th Century Lodge," by Joseph E. Morcombe, who is editor of *The Masonic World* of San Francisco, and a gifted writer, those taking part and the roles assigned were:

Sir Roger Stutter, the youngest entered apprentice, J. Lawrence Miles; Thomas Keepquest, the senior

warden, Joseph R. Cotton; Nathaniel Chepeman, a lover of good ale, George S. Barton; Andrew Oldmixon, master of the lodge, Ezra F. Breed; Accepted Quickly, a credulous mortal, Lawrence M. Horton; Simon Oxenherde, member of the lodge, Walter T. Rix; Robert Sweetmouth, member of the lodge, Clayton M. Morse; Hugh Winelove, member of the lodge, Charles E. Mathaurs; William Thickpennie, the candidate, Donald V. C. Birrell; The Tapster, of the "Thatched House Tavern," David A. Rix; Diccon Cockshead, landlord of "The Blue Lion," Harry F. Howard; Richard Tapiser, secretary of the lodge, Robert M. Stone; Roger Dobbins, Charles W. Farrington; Ralph Rycroft, the junior warden, Sheldon A. Robinson; Anthony Applegarth, tyler of the lodge, Arthur M. Roberts; Phup Breadmonger, member of the lodge, Everett E. Morrill; Brian Bracegirdle, a visiting member, Pierre A. Northrup; John Theophilus Desaguliers, deputy grand master, Charles H. Miles; Pot Boy, of the "Thatched House Tavern," Arthur Locke; Watchman, Frederick B. James; and a sextet consisting of Everett E. Morrill, Carl Hauck, Lawrence M. Horton, Harvey F. Winlock, George B. Sargent, Victor M. Stevens.

The play was under the direction of George S. Barton, and the stage staff consisted of J. Lawrence Mills, director of cast; Everett E. Morrill, director of music; Arthur Roberts, master of properties.

WORK EXEMPLIFIED

St. John's lodge, itself 200 years old this year, was host on Monday, June 26, to the visiting Masons attending the four-day bi-centenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. More than 500 members of the lodge as well as visiting dignitaries were present at a special communication at which the master mason degree was conferred in full form in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston.

Curtis Chipman, most worshipful grand master, and the Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton, right worshipful grand secretary, were in attendance, and the exercises were also attended by the 40 grand masters of England, Scotland, Nova Scotia and other grand lodges of the United States who were guests of the Massachusetts members of the fraternity.

Lt.-Gov. Gaspar G. Bacon was among the Masons present. The worshipful masters of the lodges of the states which comprised the 13 American colonies and of Vermont, Maine and Nova Scotia took part in the exercises. Of the inland states, Most Worshipful Simon Nash of Ohio and Most Worshipful Grand Master Benjamin Page of Pennsylvania attended.

A dinner followed the communication. Robert E. Jennings, worshipful master of St. John's presided. Informal speeches touched upon the significance of the occasion and the heritage of "old St. John's."

The first grand lodge of Masons in Massachusetts was known as St. John's Grand Lodge, and remained so until 1792 when St. John's Grand Lodge and the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, which had been started in 1769, were merged and became the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

THE HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITED

A fleet of automobiles carried high officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and visiting dignitaries to the home at Charlton, Massachusetts, and to the hospital, Juniper Hall, at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, leaving Copley Square, Boston, at nine o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, June 27th.



Wor. Bro. BRIG.-GEN. E. C. W. D. WALTHALL, C.M.G., D.S.O., Past Grand Deacon (England), Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Derbyshire

The group was headed by Curtis Chipman, most worshipful grand master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, accompanied by Herbert P. Bagley and Otis White of Worcester, both past masters.

After exchanging greeting with 141 inmates at Charlton and making a tour of inspection of the premises, the group adjourned to the sanitarium at Shrewsbury where luncheon was served.

After the meal the visitors paid their respects to each of the 38 invalids confined at the retreat. Members of the local lodges joined the group on their visit here. Included in the list of distinguished visitors were Worshipful Brig.-Gen. E. C. W. D. Walthall of England, the Right Honorable The Lord Belhaven and Stenton of Scotland; Walter Dow, Fall River; T. Walter Sharpe, Waban; Robert N. Spofford, Medford, and Addison G. Brooks, Gloucester.

The ride was pleasant over superb roads and through typical Massachusetts scenery, and was greatly enjoyed.

THE G. M.'S DINNER

Curtis Chipman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, presided at the Grand Master's dinner on the evening of Tuesday,

June 27. The speakers included Rt. Worshipful Thomas G. Winning, grand secretary of Scotland; Charles H. Johnson, past grand master and past grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York; Sam H. Goodwin, past grand master and now grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah; E. S. C. Baker, grand master of South Carolina; George O. Foster, grand master of Kansas, and Allen P. Shatford, past grand master of Quebec.

The greetings of the commonwealth were extended by Maj.-Gen. Erland F. Fish, president of the Massachusetts Senate, who spoke in the absence of Leverett Saltonstall, speaker of the House of Representatives.

The establishment of reciprocal tariff agreements between the United States and the Latin-American countries, as a result of the recent Washington economic conference, was forecast by Leon N. Bansabat of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, a speaker at the dinner.

Among other distinguished guests were F. W. Fell Clark, substitute grand master of Scotland; Gen. Sir Francis Davies, provincial grand master for Worcestershire, England; Lord Belhaven and Stenton, grand master Mason of Scotland; Brig.-Gen. E. C. W. D. Walthall, past grand deacon of England; Robert J. McKechnie, grand marshal of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, Charles Edward Phipps, the oldest past master among the 500 persons present, and many others.

Among the representatives of grand jurisdictions was William Bordley Clarke of Savannah, Ga., who at the age of 35 is the youngest grand master in Masonry. He was the first Georgia Mason to receive the distinctive service medal of the grand lodge of Georgia, which was awarded to him as the author of "Early and Historic Free Masonry of Georgia," published in 1924.

Among other arrivals were Charles H. Johnson, past grand master of New York and now grand secretary of the grand lodge in that state, and Arthur P. Johnson, past grand master of New Jersey.

THE MASS MEETING

Approximately 11,000 Masons gathered at the Boston Arena Wednesday evening, June 28, to honor the heads of the Craft and the grand masters or their representatives from 40 grand jurisdictions all over North America and the British Isles, in the last assemblage of the celebration of the bicentenary program of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The entire Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, with the visiting dignitaries who had been its guests for the previous five days, impressive in full regalia, occupied the stage, while Masons from far and near heard the story of Freemasonry in Massachusetts.

Lt.-Gov. Gaspar G. Bacon, for the first time during the four-day celebration, publicly addressed an open meeting. His address, as well as that of Most Worshipful Melvin Maynard Johnson, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, bore historical testimony to the contributions that the Masonic bodies made during the American Revolution, not only in terms of men and daring deeds to the patriot cause, but

in terms of labor at the more sober task of erecting the structure of constitutional government that was to be a pattern for the federal government and for other republics yet to rise.

Past Grand Master Johnson thus described the Grand Lodge over which he presided as grand master in 1914-1916:

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, now and here assembled in special communication, is the oldest Masonic organization in America, or, indeed, anywhere in the world outside of the British Isles. Established as a Provincial Grand Lodge July 30, 1733, it is the only Masonic grand body in America which has functioned continuously for 200 years with unbroken succession of officers and members. This statement is not controversial. In the light of present knowledge, it is certain and definite. Moreover, it is the only Masonic body in the western hemisphere, grand, particular or subordinate, which is two centuries old, except its own child, formerly the First Lodge, now St. John's Lodge of Boston."

The speaker discussed the charitable work which is one of the principal concerns of the Grand Lodge today, which expends officially more than \$1100 a day in benevolence, although vastly more, he said, is expended by brethren unofficially. Conspicuous in the work are the Masonic Home at Charlton, he said, and the Hospital at Shrewsbury, founded by the gift of the widow of Rt. Worshipful Brother Matthew J. Whittall.

Freemasonry, he continued, exercised a greater influence upon the establishment and development of the fundamental principles of this land than any other single institution.

"Love," he declared, "as the basis of national and international relations, has never yet been tried. Power and might, physical and financial, have been tried and have failed. Here then is the secret of Freemasonry—a secret only because the world will not heed it."

Lt.-Gov. Bacon voiced his pride in the part Masonry has played in the history of this state and the upbuilding of its institutions. The free exercise of the rights of conscience of revolutionary heroes who were Masons, he said, was a fundamental Masonic principle, incorporated in Masonic regulations before it was accepted by the churches.

Curtis Chipman, most worshipful grand master of Masons in Massachusetts, who presided, called upon Gen. Sir Francis J. Davies, Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, England, representative of the Grand Master of United Grand Lodge of England, who read a letter from the Grand Master of Masons in England.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Belhaven and Stenton, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, also brought the fraternal message of his grand jurisdiction. Other speakers were the Rt. Worshipful Lewis B. Bates, district Grand Master of the Canal Zone; Most Worshipful R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master of Canada in Ontario, and Rt. Worshipful Walter B. Darker, assistant Grand Master of Queensland, Australia.

The Lowell Masonic choir sang at intervals in the program.

THE GUESTS

Guests present at the 200th Anniversary Exercises, June 25-28, 1933 were as follows:

- ENGLAND (1717)
R.W. Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire.
Wor. Brig. General E. C. W. D. Walthall, C.M.G., D.S.O., Past Grand Deacon.
- SCOTLAND (1736)
M.W. The Rt. Hon. The Lord Belhaven and Stenton, C.I.E., D.L., Grand Master Mason.
R.W. F. W. Fell Clark, Substitute Grand Master.
R.W. Thomas G. Winning, Grand Secretary.
- CONNECTICUT (1789)
M.W. Samuel A. Moyle, Grand Master.
- DELAWARE (1806)
M.W. W. Stewart Allmond, Jr., Grand Master.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (1808)
M.W. Harry G. Kimball, Grand Master.
M.W. J. Claude Keiper, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.
- FLORIDA (1830)
M.W. B. W. Helvenston, Grand Master.
- GEORGIA (1735)
M.W. William B. Clarke, Grand Master.
- IOWA (1844)
Wor. A. A. Rideout, of Charles City, Iowa (Past Master of Milton Lodge, Mass.)
- KANSAS (1855)
M.W. George O. Foster, Grand Master.
- KENTUCKY (1800)
M.W. John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master.
- MAINE (1820)
M.W. Ernest C. Butler, Grand Master.
- MARYLAND (1783)
M.W. George W. Livingston, Grand Master.
- MINNESOTA (1853)
M.W. Montreville J. Brown, Grand Master.
- NEBRASKA (1857)
M.W. Archie M. Smith, Grand Master.
M.W. Ralph O. Canaday, Past Grand Master.
- NEW JERSEY (1786)
M.W. Arthur P. Johnson, Grand Master.
- NEW YORK (1781)
M.W. Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.
- NORTH CAROLINA (1787)
M.W. John H. Anderson, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.
- OHIO (1808)
M.W. Simeon Nash, Grand Master.
- PENNSYLVANIA (1761)
R.W. Benjamin Page, Grand Master.
- RHODE ISLAND (1791)
M.W. Augustus F. Rose, Grand Master.
- SOUTH CAROLINA (1736)
M.W. E. S. C. Baker, Grand Master.
R.W. George T. Harmon, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.
- SOUTH DAKOTA (1875)
M.W. Sanford G. Donaldson, Grand Master.

- TENNESSEE (1813)
M.W. Jesse B. Templeton, Grand Master.
R.W. Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Secretary.
- UTAH (1872)
M.W. Sam H. Goodwin, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.
- VERMONT (1794)
M.W. Charles B. Adams, Grand Master
- CANADA (ONTARIO) (1855)
M.W. R. B. Dargavel, Past Grand Master.
- NOVA SCOTIA (1866)
M.W. Reginald V. Harris, Grand Master.
- PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (1875)
M.W. Robert A. Gordon, Grand Master.
M.W. Col. G. Elliott Full, Past Grand Master.
- QUEBEC (1869)
M.W. A. P. Shatford, Past Grand Master.
- AUSTRALIA—QUEENSLAND (1921)
R.W. Walter B. Darker, Assistant Grand Master.
- BRAZIL—RIO DE JANEIRO (1927)
M.W. Leon N. Bensabet, Grand Orator.
- Guests of St. John's Lodge on Monday, June 26, 1933:
Wor. Richard W. Davis, Portland No. 1, Portland, Maine; Wor. Harold A. Marston, St. John's No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H.; Wor. Ray A. Kingman, Dorchester No. 1, Vergennes, Vt.; Wor. Grover C. Davis, Hiram No. 1, New Haven, Conn.; Wor. Harry Williams, St. John's No. 1, Newport, R. I.; Wor. J. Clifford Morrow, St. John's No. 1, New York City; Bro. Robert S. Smith, S.W., St. John's No. 1, Newark, N. J.; Wor. Paul D. Summers, Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wor. Homer B. Perkins, Washington No. 1, Wilmington, Del.; Wor. Herman C. Forester, Washington No. 3, Baltimore, Md.; Wor. Howard L. Steele, Norfolk No. 1, Norfolk, Va.; Wor. Royce S. McClelland, St. John's No. 1, Wilmington, N. C.; Wor. G. Ernest Daniell, Solomon's No. 1, Charleston, S. C.; Wor. Edwin Noseworthy, St. Andrew's No. 1, Halifax, N. S.

200TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

Not often do the Italian neighbors on Salem Street, Boston, where Christ Church (Old North) has stood since 1723, see such a procession of taxis as that conveying the guests of Grand Lodge for the opening religious service on Sunday afternoon, June 25.

The EDITOR for the second time in one day attended divine service at the Old North, June 25—a record.

"This pew is reserved for the gentlemen of the Colony of Honduras" read the plate in the editorial pew shared with four brethren who plainly did not hail from a West Indian Isle.

The venerable Doctor Webster, who read the service on Sunday, with his ascetic appearance seemed to fit exactly into the historic atmosphere of the Old North Church.

By way of contrast to the austerity of the old Co-

lonial pews and chancel of the historic Old North an adjoining balcony of a neighboring tenement displayed a motley array of Italian undergarments for both sexes—hung out to dry.

Harmony was evident in the fervor with which occupants of the crowded pews entered into the singing of the grand old hymns.

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" rang out with splendid volume as an opening hymn and a fitting prelude to the beautiful vespers service of the Episcopal Church at the Old North on Sunday afternoon, June 25.

The Very Rev. Percy T. Edrop, who preached, gave a well rounded talk. His challenge to Freemasonry will be remembered by all who heard it. He is a chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

It was evident that many of the local brethren are unfamiliar with the streets in the North End of Boston judging by the puzzled motorists met by the editor in his attempts to get out of a maze of short streets ending apparently nowhere and largely inhabited by scantily garbed youngsters.

Many of those attending the church services on Sunday remained to view the historic collection of objects which are on display in the adjoining parish house. This collection is unique of its kind in America.

Police arrangements in the crowded streets of the historic North End were admirable. Boston "bobbies" have learned from long experience how to handle any traffic situation efficiently and courteously.

More silk hats were evident in the environs of hotel headquarters, as well as old Christ Church than either of these places have witnessed for many years.

"An Eighteenth Century Lodge," the play enacted Sunday evening in Masonic Temple, Boston, June 25th, was an unqualified success. "Joe" Morcombe of the *Masonic World*, San Francisco, its author, must have had burning ears at all the complimentary things said of it. The cast—members of Simeon Robinson Lodge, Lexington, whose temple is right close to the statue of the historic Minute Man in that town—performed like seasoned troupers, and they too deserve much credit for a fine performance.

The Special Meeting of historic Saint John's Lodge (formerly the First Lodge) on the afternoon of June 26 was very impressive. The Work—the Master Mason Degree—attracted the closest attention of all the visiting guests to whom doubtless parts of it must have seemed somewhat strange. Accuracy of rendition according to the Massachusetts ritual was evident throughout.

Guests who participated in the visit to the Home at

Charlton and the Hospital at Shrewsbury, which is close by, had a splendid opportunity to view in their 45-mile drive over perhaps the most superb roadway in the country, a characteristic section of Massachusetts scenery. The only drawback was the blazing heat.

Through the historic four days heat dominated the situation and caused considerable discomfort. There were no casualties, however. Boston demonstrated that it can be scorching hot upon occasion.

With meticulous precision the men who made up the program outlined the dress for each occasion. Cut-away frock, dinner or business in each case, like true Bostonians, the regulations were conformed to.

The Grand Masters' dinner in the hotel headquarters on Tuesday night, June 27, was a delightful affair. Notwithstanding the presence of so many very distinguished Freemasons from all parts of the world, a charming spirit of informality prevailed. Stiff shirts soon became soft, however, under the influence of the wilting humidity.

More formality existed at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge for the reception of guests at Masonic Temple on Wednesday, June 28th, than at other occasions. This is in accordance with precedent. Seldom if ever in this country has a more illustrious Masonic assemblage met. The display of regalia and jewels would require for its description pages of the *CRAFTSMAN*.

One Grand Master whom the editor saw earlier in his room in his B.V.D.'s probably later in the banquet hall wished he might get back to them—or at least under a shower.

A visitor to Boston during the celebration was Miss Lavinia Steele, assistant librarian of the splendid library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. This lady is modest and retiring but is gifted with a sound knowledge of Craft matters. As she aptly told the wrwriter: "While a librarian may not know a lot she does know where to find it."

Bro. Hugo Tatsch, librarian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, had a regular field day at Masonic Temple. The number of distinguished visitors to Boston to whom this distinguished authority is known is legion. Always amiable, gifted in Masonic lore, Brother Tatsch is a worthy scholar and a good man to know.

By some mischance, the date on the seal of Grand Lodge embossed on the commemorative medal given to distinguished guests read "1773" instead of "1733," which proves that people other than printers can make mistakes.

The charming inflection of the English speech evident in the visitors from that country was not the

least of the interesting things about their visit.

The EDITOR had the pleasure of meeting a former compatriot and fellow veteran of the Boer War in the person of Brig. Gen. E. C. W. D. Walthall, C. M. G., D. S. O., who modestly described his services in that campaign as "a gunner." An excellent picture of Wor. Bro. Walthall appears on another page of this issue—unfortunately received too late for use in the CRAFTSMAN anniversary number.

Hon. Erland Fish, president of the Massachusetts Senate and Commander of the mounted Commandery, St. Bernard No. 12 of Boston, and who is the ranking military officer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, conveyed the official compliments to the assembled guests at the G. M.'s dinner in the hotel headquarters.

Hon. Gaspar G. Bacon, lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth, was in attendance at several of the functions. At the mass meeting in the Arena, which nine thousand members attended, he made a speech full of information, with all the charm and grace of manner of which he is master.

The Canon of the Cathedral in Quebec rose to heights of unparalleled eloquence in his exhortation to the brethren assembled in the great ballroom at the Grand Master's dinner. The heat did not affect his delivery in the least.

"Charlie" McGee, popular always as an orchestra leader and known to many as an earnest, enthusiastic and upright Mason, was present in an auxiliary capacity with the musicians at the big dinner party.

Worshipful Brother Charles E. Phipps, "oldest past master" present, a modest man who always has sought to evade publicity, had his picture "sketched" for one of the daily papers. Even his friends would not recognize the portrait, however.

Grand masters, past grand masters, deputy grand masters, past masters, masters and many others distinguished in Masonry from far and near were everywhere—not only in and about the several apartments of the temple, but wherever anything of a Masonic nature was being enacted.

Worshipful Brother Frank Hilton of the Grand Secretary's office carried on his shoulders a heavy burden of work in connection with the arrangements. That

the program proceeded so smoothly is largely due to his efforts.

It was said by a distinguished brother that the level of the water in the reservoir serving the city shrank considerably during the celebration due to the tremendous quantity of "water" drunk during the torrid days.

Salem Street, where the Old North Church is located, must have been the starting place of the cows which made the paths in the pasture and which the city streets of Boston are alleged to have followed. Certainly no one but an old Bostonian could find it without a guide.

And incidentally many of our local brethren had their first glimpse of one of the city's most historic buildings when they went to church on the opening day of the anniversary celebration.

What a glorious drive that was to the home at Charlton. Probably not in the United States or anywhere else for that matter is there such a stretch of superb highway as the new Worcester Pike and its mate, the Grafton road. Six lanes of smooth concrete, three on each side of a grassed reservation, and hardly one cross-street. A motorist's dream come true.

No slight was meant to our guests when most of the nine thousand Masons present in the Arena on Wednesday evening removed their coats for comfort. It was just too hot to keep them on and then again some doubtless remembered the pleasant custom prevailing during the frequent wrestling bouts in the same great building.

Most of our foreign visitors extended their visit somewhat; several of the English brethren included Canada in their itinerary. That is only to be expected. No doubt they were cordially received by our Canadian fraters, but certainly not so "warmly" as their reception was in Boston.

The next great event of Masonic significance for many of the men who visited Boston in June is the dedication in London, England, this month of the magnificent Masonic Peace Memorial building. Massachusetts will be represented by its grand master.

Hac olim memi-nisse juvabit



Freemasonry Along The North Shore

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Institution of Freemasonry was early implanted within the borders of the old town of Danvers. Her people encouraged and promoted its interests, and many of her sons were initiated into its mysteries.

A lodge was chartered, May 1st, 1778, to be located at Danvers, under the name of "United States Lodge," by M.W. Bro. Joseph Webb, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The only information that we are now able to obtain in relation to this lodge, was derived from Bro. William Leavitt of Salem. He, with much labor and diligent research, prepared a history of Essex Lodge, from its commencement in 1779, or one year after the United States Lodge was chartered. In the petition for Essex Lodge the following is the reason given:—"There being no Lodge nearer than Danvers, five miles distant, which renders it not only expensive, but causes them to be late absent from their families, and brings them into great and manifest inconveniences." The petitioners found "great opposition" made at the meeting of the Grand Lodge by "a person from Danvers, who it seems went with the design to oppose and make all the interest he could to hinder the granting of the charter." The argument he made use of was that "if that petition was granted it would greatly injure if not ruin the United States Lodge at Danvers. The members of the latter named lodge afterwards proposed to the Salem brethren, "That the United States Lodge be removed to Salem, there to form ourselves into one body, under that title, and make an entire new choice of officers." But the charter for Essex Lodge having been granted, this proposal was rejected, accompanied by the wishes of the Committee for the continued prosperity of the fraternity at Danvers, and the hope that the usual

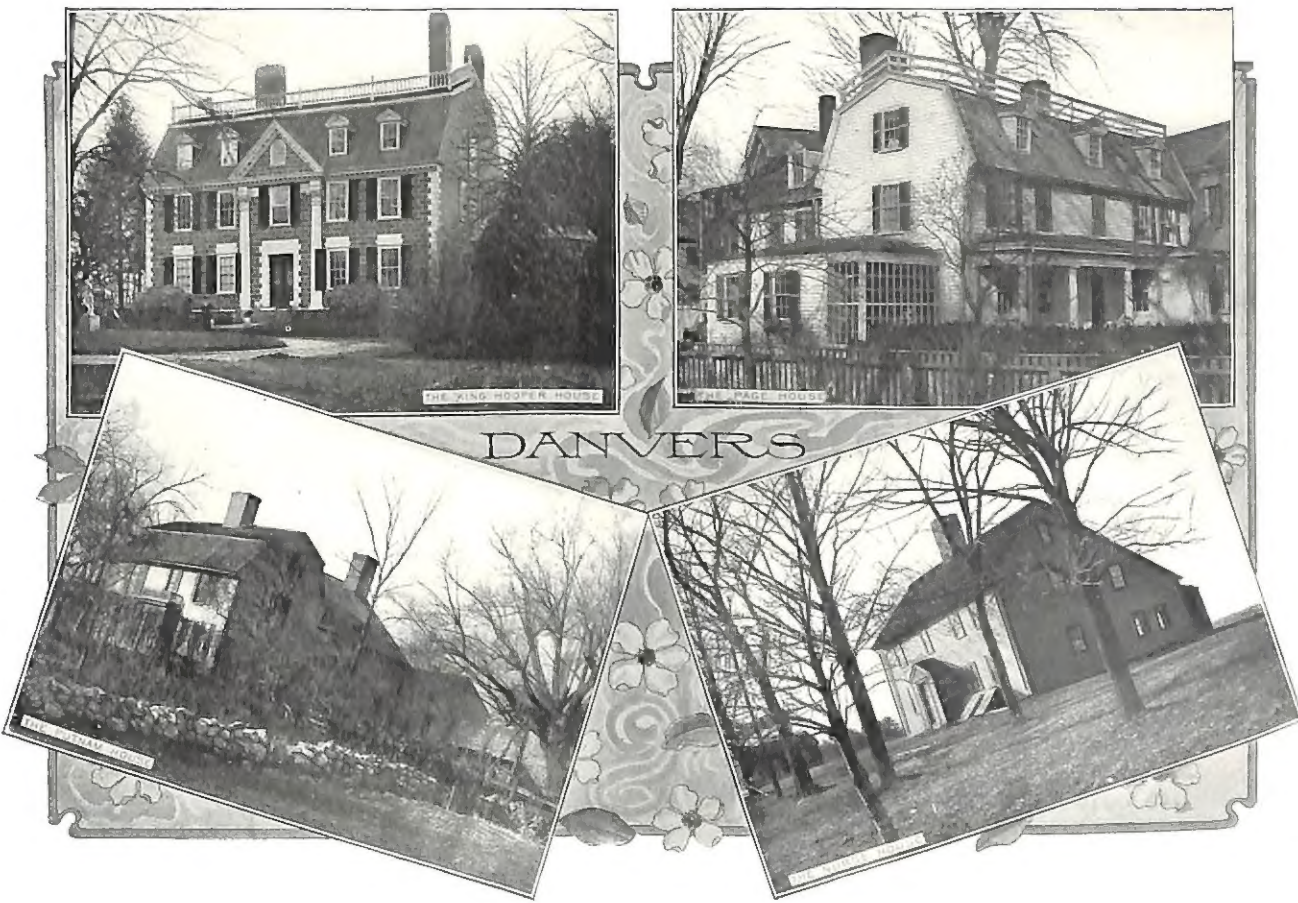
courtesies and hospitalities might be observed between the two lodges. And from the frequent recurrence of names of visitors from United States Lodge, upon the record books of Essex Lodge, it would seem that this invitation was not disregarded.

The only persons now known to have been members of United States Lodge are the following:

John Stacy, W. Master; Francis Yates; Richard Skidmore, Tyler; Joseph Wyer, Joseph Knowlton, Daniel Gideons, Richard Perkins Bridge, John Piemont, Daniel Adams, Samuel Page, Jethro Putnam, William Perkins, David Squiers, Benjamin Balch, Ephraim Jacobs and Charles Derby.

We have no other knowledge of that lodge; excepting the fact that the charter, together with all the jewels and regalia, were consumed by fire at the house of Mr. Richard Skidmore, Tyler of the lodge, when that was burned in 1805. It will be observed by the date of its charter that it commenced its operations during the earlier stages of the Revolutionary War. Then, as now, the brethren of the fraternity were among the first and foremost to stand forth as the supporters and defenders of our nation's liberties. And it is believed that so many of our young men enlisted in the army and navy, that the Lodge fell into decay and ceased to hold its regular meetings for some years previous to the unfortunate occurrence by which its charter was finally lost.

The next lodge established in the town was chartered in 1808, under the name of Jordan Lodge. Its meetings were held for many years at Berry's Tavern, at Danvers Plains; but, during the anti-Masonic excitement which prevailed from 1825 to 1835, the furniture, jewels and regalia were removed to South Danvers, and for many years no other meetings were held than those necessary for the preserva-



tion of the charter, at which the officers were annually elected. And when, upon the revival of Masonry, the lodge was again open for work, its communications were, as they have since been, held at South Danvers, now Peabody. In 1863 there were upwards of sixty brethren of the mystic tie residing in Danvers. Many of them were members of Jordan Lodge, and in September of that year a petition for a warrant of dispensation for a lodge to be established at Danvers, under the name of Amity Lodge, was signed by twenty-six of their number and in due time the Warrant of Dispensation was received. It was dated September 28th, 1863. The brethren had leased the upper story of the Village Bank Building and carefully fitted and neatly furnished it, and having provided themselves with the necessary furniture, jewels and regalia, they held their first regular communication on the evening of October 26th, 1863.

In 1870 the membership of Amity Lodge had increased to nearly one hundred and fifty, and some of the fraternity believing that the interests of Masonry would be promoted by the institution of another lodge, 33 of the brethren petitioned the M.W. Grand Lodge for a dispensation, and in due time they received a charter to work under the name of Mosaic Lodge, dated Oct. 30, 1871.

HOLTON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

This chapter was constituted March 12th, 1872, agreeably to the petition of the following companions, by the M. E. Grand Chapter of Massachusetts: George Tapley, Charles N. Ingalls, R. B. Hood, Henry A. Perkins, W. Winslow Eaton, Daniel J. Preston, L. P. H. Turner, Nathan Pratt, Jr., John R. Langley, John Berry, Thomas Hoyt, John Q. A. Batchelder, Andrew Elwell, Jr., Walter S. Merrill, John C. Butler, John W. Beckford, Preston M. Chase, Moses P. Kimball, Ira P. Pope, Gilbert A. Tapley, Geo. J. Sanger, Wm. J. C. Kenney, Alfred Fellows, Harrison O. Warren, Stephen W. Leighton and George W. Wood.

The present officers of Holten Chapter are as follows:

High Priest, George A. Meigs; King, John E. Macdonald; Scribe, Edwin G. Blodgett; Treasurer, George W. Tower; Secretary, Frank W. Ross; Captain of the Host, Harold P. Sillars; Principal Sojourner, Torleif F. Hanern; Royal Arch Captain, Lawrence B. Folsom; Master of Third Veil, John W. Osborne; Master of Second Veil, Newell C. Vance; Master of First Veil, Ernest W. Ball; Steward, William E. Sanford; Steward, Harry E. Rider; Organist, Frank W. Ross; Tyler, Joseph L. Kennedy.

ESSEX LODGE, SALEM

June 24, 1879 Essex Lodge under Worshipful William A. Hill celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. The weather was perfect, the decorations through the principal streets were rich and appropriate and the exterior of Masonic Hall was elaborately festooned with bunting and Masonic emblems. At eleven o'clock a parade composed of Essex and Starr King Lodges, Washington Chapter, Salem Council and the Grand Officers under the escort of Winslow Lewis Commandery moved through the streets concluding the march at the Universalist church which was decorated with flowers arranged to form emblems of the order. Here a program consisting of music, prayer and an historical address was enjoyed, after which the procession reformed and marched to Mechanics Hall where a banquet was provided at which about five hundred brethren were seated. The banquet was followed by speeches from Grand Master Charles A. Welch, Past District Deputy Grand Master Charles L. Woodbury and Hon. Brother George B. Loring, which completed a day never to be forgotten by those present.

May 1, 1883, the Lodge celebrated the 1000th regular communication by a banquet and speeches appropriate to the occasion.

January 1, 1889 a letter of sympathy accompanied by a material gift of money was sent to Philanthropic Lodge of Marblehead, whose lodge room with nearly all its fur-

nishings except the Great Lights having been destroyed by the great fire on Christmas day, 1888.

The records are filled with interesting items which space does not permit of recounting here, and those of the remaining years are undoubtedly rich with treasure, but as these are so modern, as time goes, it seems better to allow them to rest for some future generation when age has given them the interest and value that the old records have to us.

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As we look back upon the men who made Essex Lodge and carried on its work down through the years and vision their sturdy integrity and their fine appreciation of the cardinal virtues, Temperance in times of misunderstanding and slander, Fortitude in times of hardship and disaster, Prudence in the affairs of the Lodge and their relations to the world, and Justice in their dealings with their fellow man their comes to us a realization that a sacred and solemn duty rests upon us to so live and so use our lives in the sight of God and man that this splendid heritage we have received from our predecessors may be transmitted by us to our successors pure and undefiled, that our beloved institution may stand for the same broad principles, the same great truths and the same high ideals for unborn generations that it does for us today and that upon you and upon me rests the burden whether or not the present of Masonry shall justify its future existence as the past has justified its present.

It seems appropriate to conclude with two verses of a poem written by Right Worshipful Charles H. Norris, Past Master of Essex Lodge, and read by him at a public installation of the Lodge on January 11, 1868:

*Old Essex Lodge; Old Essex Lodge;
We love thy honored name.
The charms that bind us to our homes
And thee are near the same.
Those sterling principles and truths
To manhood taught by thee
Are firmly fixed as those we learned
Upon our mother's knee.
We find these stamped upon our mind
By precept and by line
In Bible, Square and Compass
Our duties all combine.
Chiding the waywardness of youth
They show the fault or blame
They point us out the proper paths
Which lead us back again.*

The present council of Essex Lodge is as follows:
Charles W. Bickford, M.; George W. Curtis, S.W.; Edmund S. Cogswell, J.W.; Harry E. Webber, S.

STARR KING LODGE, SALEM

A Brief History compiled from the Records of Starr King Lodge by Worshipful Brother Henry Edwards

On April 9, 1864, twenty-one of the most active and efficient members of Essex, our parent Lodge, inspired by a prophetic vision, assembled in the apartments of the Essex Lodge of Odd Fellows in the Asiatic Building on Washington Street, for the purpose of starting on its useful and honorable career our present Lodge. The name decided on it this meeting for the yet unformed Lodge was "Bay State."

Brothers George H. Pierson and Dana Z. Smith were appointed as a committee to petition the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for a dispensation to enable Bay State Lodge to enter the Masonic world.

At this meeting it was voted that Brother George H.

Pierson should be our first Worshipful Master, that Brother Dana Z. Smith should be our first Senior Warden and that Brother Jacob F. Brown should be our first Junior Warden.

The third Thursday of each month was selected as the evening on which to hold regular communications.

The following day, upon further deliberation, the brethren present at the previous meeting waited on the committee designated to obtain the Dispensation and requested that the name "Bay State" be stricken out of the application and that the name "William Parkman," be substituted and declared the name desired for this Lodge; provided the consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William Parkman, could be obtained.

The petitioners having procured the Dispensation, gathered together on the evening of April 19th, in the apartments kindly tendered by Essex Lodge, for the purpose of perfecting the organization.

At 8:30 P.M., the Marshal having proclaimed the Lodge duly organized, the Worshipful Master opened the Lodge on the Master Mason degree.

Brothers Henry E. Jocelyn, Thomas Hunt and Jacob F. Brown, appointed as a committee to select candidates for secretary and treasurer reported the names of Brother John B. Parker for secretary and Brother John Barlow for treasurer. They were elected.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, William Parkman, not consenting to the use of his name, the Worshipful Master appointed a committee composed of Brothers Joseph E. Glover, Thomas Hunt and Jacob F. Brown to select a name for the Lodge.

Five names were offered for consideration "Union," "Star," "Salem," "Rising Sun" and "Starr King." The members, following the report of this committee, unanimously selected "Starr King" as the name of the Lodge. Thomas Starr King, the eminent preacher and orator for whom the Lodge was named, passed away on March 4, 1864, after a life not long in years, but filled with deeds which mark him as one of the great men of his time. The grief of the people of California, his adopted state, was universal. In every city and hamlet flags were at half mast, as well as on the shipping in the harbor. His funeral, which was a touching ceremony, expressed the genuine grief of a great city at the departure of its greatest citizen.

Thomas Starr King was the son of a Universalist clergyman in Charlestown, Mass. When fifteen years of age his father died leaving Thomas as the support of the family. He became a clerk in a store, then a teacher in a grammar school, then a book-keeper in the Navy Yard at Charlestown. His leisure time was devoted equally to study and social enjoyments. At the age of twenty he preached his first sermon and at once became noted as a preacher of peculiar attractiveness. Until his removal to California, he was ever the salwart defender of the weak and the downtrodden, irrespective of race or creed, and the champion of right, truth and justice.

He took up his work in California one year before the breaking out of the Rebellion. His eloquence, loyalty to the Union, courage and devotion to his belief in the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man, marked him as the foremost pulpit orator of the state. The great occasion that raised Starr King to the position of the foremost citizen of California was the outbreak of the Rebellion. Then it was that he took his place in the new community as a self reliant individual power, fighting in the pulpit and on the lecture platform the highest officers of the State, both Civic and Military, who were determined to force California to espouse the cause of the Confederacy. As far as regards the keeping California loyal to the Union, Starr



King ranks among the first of its eminent citizens. He was not content to proclaim and defend the principles of loyalty to the threatened nation. He resolutely opposed every politician, whom he considered to be luke warm, craven, or false in standing by the Government in its years of peril. In this close grapple with obnoxious politicians, as he spoke from political platforms in all parts of the State, effort after effort was made to put him down.

Pistols were leveled, sometimes snapped at him, but the ruffians found that he paid no heed to them, but triumphed over every element of brutal opposition in the assemblages he addressed. He urged upon his hearers the paramount duty of supporting the Union. "Whatever of party theory, of personal ambition, or of prejudice, in this great hour may have to pass away, the great inheritance of the common people must not pass."

One of the noblest results of his labors was the influence he exerted in raising many hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Sanitary Commission for which he lectured in California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington. His eloquence would not only open the hearts but the purses and money flowed as a stream whenever he appealed for charity.

A committee consisting of Brothers Dana Z. Smith, Jacob F. Brown and John B. Parker, was appointed to frame a code of By-Laws. The Worshipful Master and Wardens were empowered to secure rooms for the Lodge meetings, also to select a Tyler. The Worshipful Master appointed Brother Henry E. Jocelyn as Senior Deacon, Brother Jonathan Perley as Junior Deacon and Brother Joseph E. Glover as Marshal. At this meeting seven applications for degrees were received. The meeting of May 17 found the zeal and enthusiasm of this young Lodge unabated. Four of the seven applicants of the previous meetings were elected. The other three, who were enlisted men, had in the meantime been ordered to Virginia to join the army at the front. At this meeting the Dispensation, under which the Lodge was working, was read as follows:

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME. GREETING:

Whereas a petition has been presented to me by sundry brethren, to wit: George H. Pierson, William A. Purbeck, S. M. Cate, Dana Z. Smith, William Reith, Jr., David Nason, Herbert T. Conant, Charles Harrington, John Dixey, Jonathan Perley, Jr., John B. Parker, Thomas Hunt, William Saunders, Daniel C. Haskell, John Barlow, Jacob F. Brown, George Creamer, Henry E. Jocelyn, Joseph E. Glover, praying to be congregated into a regular Lodge under the name and title of "Starr King," with permission to hold the same in the City of Salem; and whereas said petitioners have been recommended to me as Master Masons in good standing by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Essex Lodge, holden in Salem; and their Petition having been countersigned and approved by our District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Masonic District:

Therefore I, William Parkman, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, reposing full confidence in the recommendations aforesaid, and in the Masonic integrity and ability of the Petitioners, do by virtue of the authority of my office and of Ancient Masonic Usage, hereby grant the Dispensation authorizing and empowering our trusty and well-beloved Brethren aforesaid, to form and open a Lodge after the manner of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and therein to admit and make Free Masons according to the Ancient custom and not otherwise. And this Dispensation is to continue in full force until the regular Quarterly Communication of our Grand Lodge aforesaid, to be holden in the City of Boston in the month of March, A. D. 1865, A. L. 5865,

unless sooner revoked by me or by authority of our said Grand Lodge. And I do hereby appoint Brother George H. Pierson to be the first Worshipful Master, Brother Dana Z. Smith to be the first Senior Warden and Brother Jacob F. Brown to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge.

And it shall be the duty of the said Master and Wardens and their associates, and they are hereby required to return this Dispensation with a correct transcript of proceedings had under the authority of the same, together with an attested copy of their By-Laws to our Grand Lodge aforesaid at the expiration of the time herein specified for examination, and such further action in the premises as shall be deemed wise and proper for the advancement of the general interests of the Craft.

Given under our hand and the Seal of our Grand Lodge aforesaid at Boston, this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 1864, A.L. 5864.

At the meeting of May 31, 1864, the committee on By-Laws presented a code which was accepted. On June 10, 1864, these By-Laws were examined and approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

A feeling of dissatisfaction under which the other Masonic bodies labored affected Starr King Lodge as well. Up to this time there had been no truly Masonic home with its congenial surroundings to make the members happy and contented. They were simply sojourners in apartments rented from Essex Lodge of Odd Fellows in the Asiatic Building on Washington Street. The longing for a meeting place that would be truly and exclusively Masonic resulted in the appointment of a committee at the communication of June 21, 1864, to confer with like committees from the other Masonic bodies in regard to securing rooms to be used only for Masonic purposes.

At a special meeting held August 9, the Lodge was honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He expressed great pleasure at the growth and prosperity of the organization.

Ever mindful of the duties incumbent upon all good Masons, and "that all our doings without charity are nothing worth," the Lodge created at the meeting of January 31, 1865, a fund to be known as the Members' Fund; the income of which to be used for the relief of distressed members, their widows and orphans.

Meanwhile Winslow Lewis Commandery having been formed and opened, the Sir Knights through their Eminent Commander, Right Worshipful Brother Sir William Sutton kindly offered to share their quarters recently secured in the Downing building on Essex Street with the other Masonic bodies. This was gladly accepted and the longing for a truly Masonic meeting place gratified.

March 18, 1865, marks the last communication held in the Asiatic Building. At this meeting a committee was appointed to join with the committees from the other Masonic bodies in furnishing the new home. The Lodge to pay its part of the expense.

On April 17, 1865, the Lodge appears for the first time in its new apartments in the Downing Building on Essex Street; there to be constituted a chartered Lodge and consecrated to a life of Masonic influence and uplift.

The proceedings of the evening commenced by Essex Lodge opening and receiving the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The brethren who were to be charter members of Starr King Lodge, having assembled in an ante-room, were then introduced and were received by the Worshipful Master of Essex Lodge. The most Worshipful Grand Master, William Parkman, with other officers of the Grand Lodge were then introduced and received with Masonic honors.

The Grand Master then constituted as a Lodge the Brethren who petitioned for the Charter, installing as officers for the ensuing year: Brothers George H. Pierson, Worshipful Master; Dana Z. Smith, Senior Warden; Jacob F. Brown Junior Warden; John Barlow, Treasurer; Jonathan Perley, Secretary; Henry E. Jocelyn, Senior Deacon; George W. Williams, Junior Deacon; Joseph E. Glover, Marshal; Augustus M. Haskell, Chaplain. After the installation ceremonies, the Grand Master dedicated the new hall according to the usages and customs of the order. The sister of Thomas Starr King was present and favored the Lodge and its guests with selected readings. The exercises closed with an eloquent address by Rev. Brother George H. Hepworth of Boston, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the life of Starr King and brought home to

the minds of his hearers in a way never to be forgotten, the aim and the mission of Masonry in upbuilding and enlightening the world.

At the communication of May 24, 1865, appreciating his many kindnesses and wishing to hold him in closer relationship, the members of Starr King Lodge elected Right Worshipful Brother William Sutton, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District an honorary member of the Lodge. This meeting marks the change of date for holding the regular communication, from the third Tuesday to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

On July 4, 1865, to celebrate the return of peace to our nation, the citizens of Salem held a grand civic and military parade in which Starr King Lodge together with the other Masonic bodies formed a striking feature.

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

DECEASED BRETHREN

George Clinton, Governor of New York (1777-95) and 4th U. S. Vice President (1804-12), was born at Little Britain, N. Y., July 26, 1739, and was often referred to as a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Elbridge Gerry, Governor of Massachusetts (1810-11) and 5th U. S. Vice President (1813-14), was born at Marblehead, Mass., July 17, 1744, and was a member of Philanthropic Lodge of that town.

John Paul Jones, Father of the American Navy and member of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters, Paris, France, was born in Kirkbean, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, July 6, 1747, and died at Paris, July 18, 1792. On July 24, 1905, his remains, which had been brought from France, were interred in the Chapel of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

John Warren, Revolutionary surgeon and Grand Master of Massachusetts, was born at Roxbury, Mass., July 27, 1753.

Edward Augustus, Duke of York (Brother of King George III), was, on July 27, 1765, initiated in the Lodge of Friendship, later known as Royal York Lodge of Friendship, Berlin, Germany.

Frederick The Great, King of Prussia, granted his protection to the National Grand Lodge of Germany and approved a treaty with the Grand Lodge of England on July 16, 1774.

Benjamin Franklin, Revolutionary patriot, became a member of Lodge De-

Saint Jean de Jerusalem at Paris, July 7, 1782.

Giuseppe Garibaldi, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Italy (1863) and Grand Master of that country (1867), was born at Nice, Italy, July 4, 1807.

Maj. Gen. John Paterson, Revolutionary officer and later member of Congress from New York, died at Lisle, N. Y., July 19, 1908. He was first Master of Washington Lodge No. 10, a military lodge later located at West Point, N. Y.

George W. Glick, 8th Governor of Kansas (1883-85), was born at Greencastle, Ohio, July 4, 1827. He was a member of Washington Commandery No. 2, K.T., Atchison, Kans.

Jean Antoine Houdon, famous French sculptor who, at the request of the U. S. Congress, came to this country to make a statue of George Washington, died at Paris, July 16, 1928. He was a member of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters in that city.

William P. Duval, 2nd Territorial Governor of Florida (1822-34), assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of that state, July 55, 1830.

On July 4, 1848, the corner-stone of the Washington Monument in the Nation's Capital was laid with Masonic ceremonies.

Gen. Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master of Iowa (1860-63) who saved the library and home of Albert Pike from being destroyed by Union troops during the Civil War, was made a Mason in Iowa City (Iowa) Lodge No. 4 July 16, 1849.

Gen. James Miller, Governor of

Arkansas (1819-25) and member of St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass., died at Temple, N. H., July 7, 1851.

Cecil J. Rhodes, British Prime Minister in South Africa (1890-96) and founder of the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford University for students from every important British Colony and from every state and territory of the U. S. A., was born at Bishop Stortford, Eng., July 5, 1853, and was a member of Apollo University Lodge No. 357, at Oxford.

Gen. John A. Quitman, grand Master of Mississippi (1826-37; 1840-46) and later Governor of that state, died at "Monmouth," near Natchez, Miss., July 17, 1858.

Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of Michigan (1873), organized Corunna (Mich.) Lodge No. 115, July 15, 1859, and was its first Master, serving for six terms. His death occurred at Corunna, July 16, 1908.

Chauncey M. Depew, U. S. Senator from New York (1899-1911), became a member of Courtland Lodge No. 34, Peekskill, N. Y., July 25, 1861.

John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War under President Grant, became a member of Miners Lodge No. 273, Galena, Ill., July 26, 1865.

Lawrence Barrett, famous American actor who co-starred with Edwin Booth, was raised in Oriental Lodge No. 144, San Francisco, Calif., July 19, 1870.

Col. John O. Dominis, husband of Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, received the Thirty-third Degree from the Southern Supreme Council, July 14,

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John Philip Sousa, famous com-
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C., July 15, 1881.

Ichabod Goodwin, Governor of New
Hampshire (1859-61) and member of
St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth,
N. H., died in that city, July 4, 1882.

Franz Liszt, noted composer and
conductor, died at Bayreuth, Germany,
July 31, 1886. He was initiated in
Harmony Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-
Main, Germany, but was passed and
raised in Union Lodge at Berlin.

Dr. Robert Morris, Grand Master of
Kentucky (1858) and Poet Laureate
of Masonry, died at La Grange, Ky.,
July 31, 1888. In 1850 he established
the order of the Eastern Star.

James I. Buchanan, authority on
world Masonic history, literature and
doctrines, became a member of Talbot
Commandery No. 43, K.T., Oil City,
Pa., July 23, 1883. At the time of his
death he was Dean of the Northern
Supreme Council.

Marcelo H. Del Pilar, "Father of
Filipino Masonry," died at Barcelona,
Spain, July 4, 1896.

Vincent L. Huribut, noted physician
and Active Member of the Northern
Supreme Council, died at Chicago, Ill.,
July 24, 1896.

Dr. John Evans, 2nd Territorial
Governor of Colorado (1862-65) and
after whom Evanston, Ill., and Mount
Evans in Colorado, were named, died
at Denver, July 3, 1897.

Viscount Leverhulme, who in 1929
was appointed Senior Grand Warden of
the Grand Mark Lodge of England,
was initiated into the Craft, July 8,
1902.

Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Master
of Rhode Island and noted Masonic
writer and editor, died at Providence,
R. I., July 21, 1910.

Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico
and Honorary Member of the Southern
Supreme Council, died at Paris, France,
July 2, 1915.

William J. Bryan, statesman, lawyer
and orator, died at Dayton, Tenn.,
July 26, 1925. He was initiated in
Lincoln (Nebr.) Lodge No. 19, in
1902.

LIVING BRETHREN

Ballington Booth, founder of the
Volunteers of America in 1896, Past
Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge
of New York, and a member of both
York and Scottish Rites, was born at
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Dr. Hubert Work, Postmaster Gen-
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born in DeWitt County, Ill., July 14,
1869.

Esten A. Fletcher, Past Imperial
Potentate of the Mystic Shrine, was
born at Ivy, near Toronto, Canada,
July 23, 1869.

Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D., emi-
nent Masonic writer and editor, was
born July 21, 1876, at Decatur, Texas.

Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agri-
culture in the Hoover Cabinet and
member of the Scottish Rite Bodies at
Kansas City, Mo., was born at Prince-
ton, Mo., July 12, 1877.

KIND WORDS

The amount of complimentary com-
ment which has come to the editor's
desk anent the recent anniversary edi-
tion of THE CRAFTSMAN is indeed flat-
tering and were we less modest might
induce the purchase of a larger size hat.

It is always pleasant to hear nice
things said of one, and if some small
contribution to the Craft was made
through the medium of this magazine,
in which we confess we take a little
pride, we are happy indeed and grate-
ful to the many friends who took the
trouble to write.

We print herewith just a few of the
comments received:

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*From a man whose titles include that
of P.G.H.P., P.G.M. (R.&S.M.), P.P.,
P.G.P., 33° (S.J.)*

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Possessing so much property used in
common, the various Masonic bodies, on
September 27, 1865, created a commit-
tee, to be known as the Hall Committee.
At the election of officers which took
place November 22, 1865, Worshipful
Brother George E. Pierson, though
unanimously re-elected declined to con-
tinue as Master. Accordingly that
honor was tendered Senior Warden
Dana Z. Smith. Brother Henry A.
Brown was elected Senior Warden,
Brother George W. Williams, Junior
Warden, Brother George Creamer,
Treasurer, and Brother Jonathan Per-
ley, Secretary. The Lodge assembled
December 20, 1865, to receive an offi-
cial visit from Right Worshipful Bro-
ther William Sutton, District Deputy
Grand Master. He expressed great
satisfaction with the success attending
the Lodge since its advent, thanked the
members for the many marks of atten-
tion and regard and electing him an
honorary member. He brought tidings
to Worshipful Brother George H. Pier-
son that the Most Worshipful Grand
Master had appointed him District
Deputy Grand Master, and presented
him with the baton of the office. Wor-
shipful Brother Pierson then installed
the officers.

Worshipful Brother William Sutton
added another bond of friendship to
the many already existing when, on
January 24, 1866, he presented the
Lodge with the jewels worn by the
Master and the Wardens, also the
aprons worn by all the officers of the
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an official visitation from its former Master, Right Worshipful George H. Pierson, District Deputy Grand Master.

On December 26, 1866, the date for holding the regular communication was changed from the fourth Wednesday to the first Monday of each month. Referring to the reports given at this meeting, we learn that the success of the Lodge was assured from the beginning. In 1864, seventeen candidates were raised; in 1865, twenty-six, and in 1866, eleven. Total number of members seventy-four.

At the public installation of the officers by Right Worshipful Brother George H. Pierson, February 25, 1867, an interesting part of the exercises was the presentation of a banner by the lady friends of the Lodge. Brother Nathaniel J. Holden, in behalf of the donors, delivered the presentation speech. Following this gift came another in the form of a beautiful Bible from Brothers George R. Chapman and Willard L. Bowdoin, Rev. E. S. Atwood making the presentation speech. The exercises were interspersed with singing by a select choir from Boston, led by Brother H. C. Barnabee. The invocation was offered by Rev. E. B. Wilson; the benediction pronounced by Rev. E. S. Atwood. There were present at this joyous occasion, including the guests, three hundred and eighty. The black walnut case that preserves the Charter was presented at this time by the Tyler, Brother W. L. Batchelder.

On August 8, 1867, Starr King Lodge in company with Essex Lodge and Amity Lodge of Danvers under the escort of Winslow Lewis Commandery marched to Beverly, to assist in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Building of Liberty Lodge, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles C. Dame. At the meeting of November 4, 1867, the Lodge, ever ready to serve a worthy brother voted to present twenty-five dollars to Salem Council Royal and Select Masters to aid in procuring a set of jewels.

The first break occurs in the ranks of the twenty-one Charter members when on January 30, 1868, the members were summoned to the solemn duty of attending the funeral of Brother Henry Elkins Jocelyn, a Charter member and first Senior Deacon.

March 2, 1868, the Finance Committee reports the Lodge free from debt. The result of the election of November 2, 1868, shows some new names in the official list. For Worshipful Master, Dana Z. Smith; Senior Warden, Brother E. A. Annable; Junior Warden, Brother Tristram T. Savory; Treasurer, John Barlow; Secretary, William

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The Lodge attended the funeral, January 14, 1875, of John Barlow, a Charter Member and the first Treasurer, who held that office from 1867 to 1872. A desire for ease and comfort asserted itself by the appointment of a committee, on October 4, to confer with committees of the other Masonic bodies in regard to furnishing the Lodge room with upholstered seats. At the election of November 1, Worshipful Brother Brown declining to continue as Master, the Lodge turned to Worshipful Brother E. A. Annable to again preside in the East.

On April 29, 1877, the Lodge in company with Winslow Lewis Commandery went by special train to Ipswich to attend the funeral of Brother Jacob F. Brown, a Charter member and the first Junior Warden of the Lodge. They were joined in Ipswich by John T. Heard Lodge and escorted to the South Congregational Church where the solemn services were held.

Worshipful Brother Rev. Fielder Israel, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was elected an honorary member of the Lodge on February 4, 1878, and on January 6, 1879 he installed the officers. On May 20 Starr King Lodge, together with Essex Lodge, Liberty Lodge of Beverly, Jordan Lodge of Peabody, Amity and Mosaic of Danvers, listened to an address by Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Welch, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in which he explained the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and proposed a "Capitation Tax" for a term of fifteen years. At the meeting of June 2, the Lodge voted to pay its proportion of the Grand Lodge debt. On June 24, 1879 the

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Forty-six members individually commuted their share of the debt. The uncommuted members were assessed one dollar each for such time as the note would run. The Grand Master congratulated the Lodge by letter on its commutation of the Grand Lodge debt.

April 18, 1882, records the death of Worshipful Brother Wm. Sutton, a staunch friend of Starr King Lodge.

The funeral of Brother William Saunders a Charter Member, was attended by the Lodge on July 25, 1884.

At the meeting of October 6, 1884, dissatisfaction with conditions and a desire to secure better accommodations resulted in a committee being appointed for that purpose. A joint movement of all the Masonic bodies was made on April 4, 1885, for a new Hall. This movement resulted in the hall on Washington Street, known as Kinsman Hall, being leased for ten years at a yearly rental of \$800.00. The joint committee having in charge the changing of Kinsman Hall into Masonic apartments, labored earnestly to formulate a plan satisfactory to each body. Several meetings brought no results, until at one gathering, the chaplain of Starr King Lodge appeared saying "Brothers this matter has weighed upon my mind

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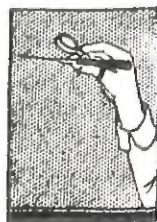
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At the joint special meeting of January 13, 1886, the new Hall was dedicated by Right Worshipful A. H. Howland, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; who also installed the officers of both lodges. The guest of the evening was Past Grand Master Right Worshipful William Parkman, who granted to Starr King Lodge its dispensation and the following year constituted it a regular Lodge. In a very cheery address he spoke in the highest terms of Thomas Starr King for whom this Lodge is named.

At the meeting of March 1, 1885, the Lodge was the grateful recipient of a portrait of Thomas Starr King, from Brother Hunting and of three candle sticks to represent the three lesser lights, from Brother Mansfield. Near the close of the year the Lodge received a call to aid the sufferers from the flood in Galveston, Texas, to which it responded. The Brethren listened to Worshipful Brother Mansfield, who read a paper on the history of Starr King Lodge, which he had prepared and previously read before the Masters' Association.

The funeral of Brother Jonathan Perley on May 2, 1888 marked the going of another Charter member. On January 7, 1889, the Lodge sent contributions to Philanthropic Lodge to relieve its distress caused by the great fire of the preceding Christmas night. The members also mourned the loss of their beloved Chaplain Rev. Worshipful Brother Fielder Israel. At the special meeting of March 1, the Lodge attended the funeral of Worshipful Brother Henry A. Brown, a petitioning member who affiliated with Starr King Lodge on May 4, 1865. He served as Worshipful Master in 1873-74-75 and as Secretary in 1880.

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On February 6, 1893 Worshipful Brother E. C. Battis was elected an honorary member. In April, Worshipful Brother Dana Z. Smith, a Charter member and Master of the Lodge in 1866-67-68-69 passed away. Brother Tristram T. Savory presented the Lodge on September 4 an engraving of "Solomon and His Iron Workers." December 2, the Lodge attended the funeral of Brother Lewis Hunt. On January 7, 1895 Worshipful Brother Darling was elected as an honorary member.

On January 4, 1897, Worshipful Brother Robert L. Almy was elected as an honorary member. On March 25, the Lodge attended the funeral of Brother Nathaniel D. Pierce, Tyler of the Lodge. The sworn worn by Brother Pierce was presented to the Lodge and is still in use.

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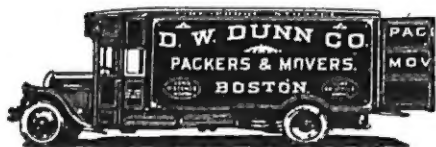
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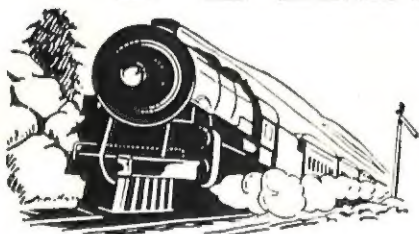


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